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Governor's Task Force on Broadband
July 19, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance: Julie Anderson, Nils Andreassen, Hallie Bissett, Kati Capozzi, Gerad Godfrey, John Handeland, Grier Hopkins, Shelley Hughes, Michael Johnson, Steve Noonkesser, Christine O'Connor, Allen Todd, Bryce Ward

Motion to adopt the draft agenda made by Kati Capozzi. Seconded by Nils Andreassen.

Ayes: Julie Anderson, Nils Andreassen, Hallie Bissett, Kati Capozzi, Gerad Godfrey, Michael Johnson, Steve Noonkesser, Christine O'Connor, Allen Todd, Bryce Ward

Outcome: Motion passed, 10-0.

Motion to form the "Policy," "Technical," and "Prioritization" subgroups, assign each subgroup certain tasks, and adopt the slate of subgroup nominations made by Julie Anderson. Seconded by Kati Capozzi.

The Policy Subgroup was assigned the following tasks:

- Provide recommendations for a state repository of broadband information and expertise that does not increase the state budget.
- Identify and lay out recommendations of policies and guidelines for state participation in broadband infrastructure development and ongoing operations.

Members nominated to the Policy Subgroup included Julie Anderson, Nils Andreassen, Hallie Bissett, Kati Capozzi, Gerad Godfrey, Shelley Hughes, and Bryce Ward.

The Technical Subgroup was assigned the following tasks:

- Identify and complete a needs assessment of the "gaps" in the current broadband network deployment. Identify communities most in need of upgraded or new infrastructure.

- Evaluate all technologies that are used to provision broadband, identify and assess the pros and cons of each as they pertain to connecting all Alaskans with high-speed connectivity.
- Assess the hurdles to broadband investment and deployment. Make recommendations on how the state can play a role to eliminate them.

Members nominated to the Technical Subgroup included John Handeland, Grier Hopkins, Michael Johnson, Steve Noonkesser, Christine O'Connor, and Allen Todd.

The Prioritization Subgroup was assigned the following tasks:

- Provide recommendations for a buildout plan to close remaining gaps and bring high-speed broadband to all Alaskans.
- Recommend program-based guidelines or rules for equitable use of state funding in broadband infrastructure development.

Nominations for the Prioritization Subgroup will be made at a later date by the Technical and Policy subgroups. Each subgroup will nominate two to three members.

Ayes: Julie Anderson, Nils Andreassen, Hallie Bissett, Kati Capozzi, Gerad Godfrey, John Handeland, Michael Johnson, Steve Noonkesser, Christine O'Connor, Allen Todd

Outcome: Motion passed, 10-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Noonkesser. Seconded by Nils Andreassen.

Ayes: Julie Anderson, Nils Andreassen, Hallie Bissett, Kati Capozzi, Gerad Godfrey, John Handeland, Steve Noonkesser, Christine O'Connor, Allen Todd

Outcome: Motion passed, 9-0.

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